

**ORDINANCE NO. 20130131-028**

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING A PILOT PROGRAM TO AUTHORIZE WALKING AND BIKING ON CERTAIN TRAILS ON A 24-HOUR BASIS FOR THE 2013 CALENDAR YEAR AND WAIVING CITY CODE SECTION 8-1-14 REGARDING PARK CURFEWS.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

**PART 1. FINDINGS:**

- (A) The City of Austin encourages transportation alternatives and works to promote safe opportunities for walking and biking.
- (B) Multiple bicycle and vehicle incidents have occurred recently that highlight the need for safe travel alternatives at night.
- (C) The Public Works Department (PWD) intends to develop an Urban Trails Master Plan that will govern the current trail system.
- (D) PWD will also work with the public to identify proposed trails that will improve the multi-use trail, sidewalk, and bikeway network for transportation and recreation.
- (E) A pilot program that allows for active transportation uses on certain highly used trails, which have received federal alternative transportation funds, may contribute valuable information to the master planning process while meeting an immediate need.

**PART 2.** The ordinance creates a pilot program, contingent upon Council allocating funding to the program, allowing walking or biking for transportation purposes on a basis of up to 24 hours per day for the 2013 calendar year on any or all of the following multi-use trails:

- (A) the Ann and Roy Butler hike and bike trail;
- (B) the Shoal Creek Greenbelt Trail; and
- (C) the Johnson Creek Greenbelt Trail.

**PART 3.** City Code Section 8-1-14 (*Use of Parks During Certain Hours Prohibited*) is waived for the limited purpose of walking or biking during the pilot program period for the trails specified in Part 2.

**PART 4.** The City Manager will review this program at the end of the pilot period, or prior to finalizing the Urban Trails Master Plan, whichever occurs first. The City Manager will report to Council identifying any issues or concerns regarding long-term plans allowing the use of trails for transportation or other purposes at night.

**PART 5.** This ordinance takes effect on June 1, 2013.

**PASSED AND APPROVED**

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   Mayor

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